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Serial No.: New – (National Phase of :
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International filing date: November 7, 2003 :
For: AIR CONDITIONER INDOOR UNIT :
AND METHOD OF ASSEMBLING THE :
SAME :

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Japanese Laid-Open Utility-Model Patent Publication No. 4-097221 appears to disclose an indoor unit of an air conditioner having a heat exchanger with a blower. The International search report indicates that the full text and all of the drawings are relevant to this application.

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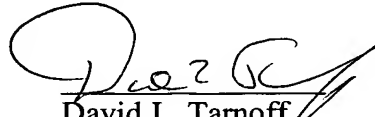
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Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

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| | | JP-4-97221-U | 08-24-1992 | Asami et al. | Full text; All drawings | No |
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| | | JP-2002-206770-A | 07-26-2002 | Koreeda et al. | Full text; All drawings | Yes |
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